

"HAPPY DAY WHEN ALL
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Abraham Lincoln Quotations & Sayings

“Happy Day When All
Appetites Controlled...”

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March 16, 1944.

Dr. Louis A. Warren,
P. O. Box 1110,
Fort Wayne, Indiana.

My dear Doctor Warren:

Do you happen to know who presently owns the manuscript of Mr. Lincoln's Temperance Address of February 22, 1842? As you know, Nicolay and Hay (Gettysburg Edition) Vol. 1, page 209, gives this language:

"Happy day, when ~~x~~ all appetites controlled, all poisons subdued, all matter subjected ~~x~~; mind ~~x~~ all conquering mind ~~x~~ shall live and move, the monarch of the world." *exact copy*

You will see I have used that exact language and punctuation in an article in the Magazine Section of The Christian Science Monitor for February 5, 1944, copy enclosed. Another Lincoln student has taken issue and quotes Charles T. White in "Lincoln and Prohibition" as follows:

"Happy day, when, all appetites controlled, all passions subdued, all matter subjugated, mind, all-conquering mind, shall live and move, the monarch of the world!" *same as above*

If we could locate the manuscript, I should be very much interested in a photostated copy of the portion of the address quoted.

By the way, our friend, Judge Bollinger, of Davenport, gave one of the best Lincoln papers I have ever heard at our January meeting on "Lincoln: Statesman-Logician." I think it is now being printed and I am sure he will be sending you a copy.

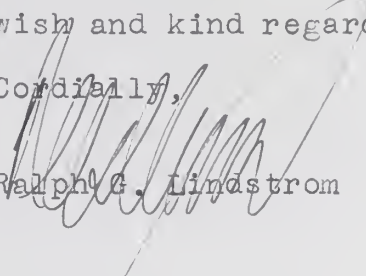
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With every good wish and kind regards,

Cordially,


Ralph G. Lindstrom

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March 27, 1944

Mr. Ralph G. Lindstrom
420 W. P. Story Building
Los Angeles, 14, Calif.

My dear Mr. Lindstrom:

It seems to me that I have read somewhere that the Temperance Address of Abraham Lincoln delivered on February 22, 1842, is not known to exist. Apparently it was turned over to the printers who destroyed the copy as I find no mention of it in our Manuscript Division.

The quotation beginning "Happy Day" from the Gettysburg Edition it seems to me must have been copied from the original pamphlet published by the Society immediately after Lincoln gave the address and we have reason to believe this would be the most authentic copy although Nicolay and Hay had taken some liberties with the punctuation.

The copy in Charles T. White's work on "Lincoln and Prohibition" was evidently secured from the Oldroyd reprint which apparently is in error.

Following is the statement as it appears in the original printing of the address by the Springfield Club.
"Happy day, when all appetites controlled, all poisons subdued, all matter subjected; mind all conquering mind shall live and move, the monarch of the world."

Of course, if we learn that the address was preserved we shall let you know but we feel quite confident it was destroyed.

Very truly yours,

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July 14, 1944

Dr. Louis A. Warren, Director
Lincoln National Life Foundation
Fort Wayne, Indiana

Dear Dr. Warren:

In checking the various editions of Lincoln's address before the Springfield Washingtonian Temperance Society in February, 1842, I find a variance as to the following quotation (giving it herewith as quoted by Nicolay and Hay):

Happy day when--all appetites controlled, all poisons subdued, all matter subjected--mind, all-conquering mind, shall live and move, the monarch of the world.

Undoubtedly the word "passions" should be substituted for the word "~~poisons~~," and the word "subjugated" (as in another version) for the word "subjected."

What is your opinion as to this? And what authority or version do you deem final ~~on~~ either or both of these questions?

Again: Will you kindly let me know whether you have any authority for the report that I once heard, that a post-mortem examination revealed the fact that Mrs. Lincoln had a brain tumor? If so, who performed the autopsy? And where may the report be found?

Awaiting whatever light you may throw on these matters, and thanking you, I am, with personal regard,

Cordially yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be "F. Ray Risdon". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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July 21, 1944

Mr. F. Ray Risdon
817 Transamerica Building
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Los Angeles, 14, Calif.

My dear Mr. Risdon:

We have known of the discrepancy in the quotation from the Temperance Address but inasmuch as the original is not available we have chosen to stand by the Nicolay and Hay version which apparently was copied from the original printing of the address.

The Oldroyd reprint does change the words questioned as you have suggested to "Passions" and "Subjugated" but just where Mr. Oldroyd got his authority for this I have been unable to learn. While the Oldroyd interpretation seems to be much more logical inasmuch as it is a copy from an apparently later source, we have rather stayed with the Gettysburg Edition copy.

With respect to the cause of Mrs. Lincoln's death, I think Dr. Evans has given us the best summary. I have before me the original death announcement which claims that she suffered a stroke of paralysis. Her physician, however, admits that she suffered from a cerebral disease. We do not have in our files any copy of the autopsy but the statement of the physician in filing his report stresses that the immediate cause of the death was a stroke of paralysis.

I regret I could not answer your questions more fully.

Very truly yours,

Director

LAW:CRS
L.A. Warren

